

I am a CT. resident and voting taxpayer wishing to express my opposition to the establishment of road use tolls.

The following is a list of my objections:

1. Tolls are just another form of taxation. Taxes are already being paid for highways via state and federal fuel and tire taxes. State tolls reduce federal highway subsidies.
2. Tolls placed at state highway entrance's place unfair tax burdens on residents living near borders.
3. Not everyone is willing to comply with electronic payment systems and privacy invasion. This will bring about the need for toll collectors, increasing overall costs. These costs will only benefit the companies and agencies that run these operations.
4. Tolls will only hinder and slow traffic on our already congested roadways.
5. Past experience with tolls on Interstate 95 have increased pollution, traffic accidents and fatalities.

It appears to me that our State Government is too willing to create additional forms of taxation and less willing to deal with inefficient use of the funds already collected.

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